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(C) PolCouns conveyed reftel demarche May 22 to MFA Director General Gal's Chief of Staff Alon Ushpiz and to National Security Advisor Arad's Chief of Staff Limor Ben-Har. PolCouns stressed the importance of Israeli steps to support the U.S. goal of strengthening the PA's role in Gaza at the expense of Hamas, including improved movement of goods and services. Ushpiz said the MFA fully supports the U.S. approach and expressed some frustration with the MOD's restrictive position on Gaza movement and access. Ben-Har also expressed appreciation for the points and said the NSC will give them full consideration in advance of a May 24 meeting, which she thought would not include the full cabinet but a smaller group.

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